Accidents on National Highways

*175. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the study report of Rajshree Parmar Memorial Foundation, Pune, on the accidents occurring on National Highways and Expressways;

(b) whether the study highlights the fact that more than 50 per cent of the accidents were caused by tyre bursts;

(c) whether the study reveals that the quality of tyres available in the Indian market is not suitable for high speed; and

(d) whether unregulated import of tyres is also compounding the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Kum. Rajshree Parmar Memorial Foundation, Pune has sent a report vide their letter dated 5th February, 2002 which is being examined.

(b) to (d) The report claims that 50% of the road accidents were caused by tyre bursts. However, the study is based on discussions with drivers and owner of motor vehicles involved in road accidents and no scientific or technical rationale has been provided before coming to such a conclusion.

Software competition

*176. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: